

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GENEVA 01443 041033Z

51

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-10 ISO-00 OES-03 NSF-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAJ-01 ACDA-05 TRSE-00 CU-02

OIC-02 /080 W

----- 008527

R 040945Z MAR 75

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1108

INFO USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1443

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE PFOR XG EGEN

SUBJECT: CSCE: POLICY: SOVIETS PROPOSE REOPENING OF AGREED TEXTS IN
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: A) GENEVA A-373, NOV. 26, 1974; B) GENEVA A-35, JAN. 31, 1974;
C) GENEVA A-142, APRIL 11, 1974; D) GENEVA A-49, JAN. 31, 1975

1. SUMMARY: SOVIETS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S/T) SUB-
COMMITTEE HAVE PROPOSED LONG LIST OF CHANGES TO AGREED TEXTS,
WHICH, IF ACCEPTED, WOULD EFFECTIVELY NULLIFY MANY KEY
WESTERN POINTS IN PAPER ORIGINALLY COSPONSORED BY US. MAIN
THRUST OF SOVIET-PROPOSED CHANGES IS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES
TO "DIRECT CONTACTS" AND ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS IN COOPERATION.
OUR NATO ALLIES ARE UNIMOUS THAT SOVIET RENEGE ON AGREED
TEXTS WOULD FORM UNACCEPTABLE PRECEDENT FOR CSCE AS A
WHOLE. NATO GROUP IS THUS OPPOSING SOVIET MOVE TO REOPEN
AGREED TEXTS AND TO INCREASE NUMBER OF S/T MEETINGS DURING
NEXT WORK SCHEDULE, ARGUING THAT WITHOUT PROBLEMS RECENTLY
CREATED BY SOVIETS WE COULD VERY QUICKLY REACH LONG DELAYED
GOAL OF COMPLETING S/T WORK. UNLESS OTHERWISE IN-
STRUCTED, WE PLAN TO SUPPORT ALLIED POSITIONS ON THIS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GENEVA 01443 041033Z

ISSUE, AND TO OPPOSE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN S/T TEXTS.

END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIETS IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE PROPOSED A LONG LIST OF CHANGES TO TEXTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED AND VIRTUALLY COMPLETE FOR MANY MONTHS. SOVIET-PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF NULLIFYING MANY KEY WESTERN POINTS IN A PAPER WHICH DERIVES FROM A WESTERN DRAFT CO-SPONSORED BY THE US. SOVIET PROPOSED CHANGES (FULL TEXTS AND COMMENTS BY SEPTTEL) ARE PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE "FREER MOVEMENT" POINTS WHICH WESTERN DELEGATIONS CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT, SUCH AS REFERENCES TO "DIRECT CONTACTS" AMONG SCIENTISTS AND ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS IN COOPERATION. SOVIETS HAVE SIMULTANEOUSLY REQUESTED A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS FOR S/T SUB-COMMITTEE, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THEIR PROPOSED CHANGES.

3. S/T TEXTS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND VIRTUALLY COMPLETE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS. ONLY SIGNIFICANT TASKS REMAINING WERE STYLISTIC "CLEAN UP" AND DRAFTING OF LANGUAGE TO MEET ROMANIAN INSISTENCE ON MENTIONING "ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS". UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DELS ARE UNANIMOUS IN ARGUING THAT ANY ACCEPTANCE OF WIDE-RANGING OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN S/T TEXTS WOULD SET A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT REOPENING OF ANY PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED TEXT, AND COULD THUS LEAD TO UNRAVELLING OF COMPLEX AND DELICATE FABRIC OF COMPROMISES REPRESENTED BY TEXTS CSCE HAS AGREED ON THUS FAR.

4. US DEL CO-SPONSORED WESTERN DRAFT PAPER ON S/T ON WHICH SUBCOMMITTEE TEXT IS BASED, AND THUS WE TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1973 AND JUNE 1974 LEADING TO PRESENT PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED VERSION. MANY OF THE POINTS NOW BEING REOPENED BY SOVIETS ARE POINTS WE DEFENDED, AND, GIVEN THE MECHANICS OF CSCE, ALLIES WILL EXPECT US TO TAKE PROMINENT ROLE IN DEFENDING THEM AGAIN IF THEY ARE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER NEGOTIATION.

5. THE PREVAILING VIEW AMONG NATO DELS IS THAT SOVIET MAOVE IS A TACTICAL PLOY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE SOVIETS CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 GENEVA 01443 041033Z

WITH A STOCK OF POINTS WHICH THEY CAN USE FOR TRADE-OFF IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF BARGAINING IN CSCE. ALLIES FEAR THAT IF SOVIETS SUCCEED IN ELIMINATING, OR REDUCING, REFERENCES TO DIRECT CONTACTS AND ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL HERE, THEY MAY THEN TRY THE SAME TACTIC IN BASKET III. SOVIETS THEMSELVES HAVE DENIED PRIVATELY THAT THEIR MOVE HAS BASKET III IMPLICATIONS AND HAVE EXPLAINED TO US, SOMEWHAT LAMELY, THAT THEIR CHANGE

OF POSITION IS DUE TO A BUREAUCRATIC FOULUP, SINCE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN S/T IS "FROM ANOTHER MINISTRY". SOVIETS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE TEXTS THEY WANT TO REOPEN ARE REGISTERED IN BRACKETS. HOWEVER, THESE BRACKETS WERE PUT THERE ONLY BY ROMANIANS FOR TACTICAL REASONS RELATED TO OTHER ISSUES.

6. WE HAVE THE SOVIETS PRIVATELY THAT THEIR MOVE COULD SET A PRECEDENT RESULTING IN THE REOPENING OF A WIDE RANGE OF PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED TEXTS, INCLUDING MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THEM. WE HAVE ALSO WARNED THEM THAT, IN VIEW OF OUR ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE S/T TEXT, WE WILL LIKELY BE OBLIGED TO DEFEND MANY OF THE POINTS THEY HAVE NOW CALLED INTO QUESTION. WE HAVE ALSO SUPPORTED NATO CAUCUS POSITION THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN INCREASE IN MEETINGS OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, SINCE THEY COULD ONLY BE USED FOR DISCUSSIONS OF TEXTS WHICH ARE ALREADY AGREED. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS LINE IN LOW-KEY FASHION, TO MAKE CLEAR OUR ATTITUDE ON THIS ISSUE. DALE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, POLICIES, TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES, RESOLUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975GENEVA01443
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750075-0316
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750385/aaaacyxt.tel
Line Count: 136
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 GENEVA A-373, 75 NO26, 75 1974, 75 GENEVA A-35, 75 JA31, 75 1974
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <30 OCT 2003 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CSCE: POLICY: SOVIETS PROPOSE REOPENING OF AGREED TEXTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, XG, CSCE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006